

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-99-251
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ORDER REJECTING TARIFF WITHOUT PREJUDICE

(Issued September 22, 1999)

On August 23, 1999, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed revisions to its tariff. According to IES, the proposed revisions change the base multiplier for a customer advance for construction of a gas main extension from six times estimated base revenue to three times estimated base revenue. IES stated the proposed revision brings the tariff into conformity with the Board's rules, IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-19.3(10) (1999).

The Board has reviewed the proposed tariff and must reject it without prejudice. Customers must receive notice of this change, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.5 (1999). That code section states, in part:

All public utilities except those exempted from rate regulation by section 476.1 shall give written notice of a proposed increase of any rate or charge to all affected customers served by the public utility no more than sixty-two days prior and prior to the time the application for the increase is filed with the board.

The change proposed by IES is an increase of a charge. IES has provided no customer notice of the increase. Therefore, the Board must reject the tariff and

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direct IES to provide notice to all affected customers in the next billing cycle. After notice is completed, IES should refile the tariff with the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The tariff, identified as TF-99-251, filed by IES Utilities Inc. on August 23, 1999, is rejected without prejudice. IES must provide notice to all affected customers and refile the tariff with the Board.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 22nd day of September, 1999.